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TIME comes not yet to mow you down,
He points to Wisdom's lofty fane,
He bids youth win the golden crown,
Which patient earnest toil may gain
He lends the precious hours, and cries —
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J j

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Lobster

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Owl

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R r

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The Fire

Burns.

The Pink

Blooms.

The Lion

Roars.

A Snake

Hiss-es.

Squir-rels

Jump.

A Cow

Lows.

The Cock

Crows.

The Crab

Runs.

A Tree

Grows.

A Cam-el

Trav-els.

Hen and chickens
Hawk. Tree.
House. Dish.

Little Jane was a good girl.

She gave food to the chicks.

The old hen saw the hawk.

The chicks ran under her wings.

They were then safe from harm.

Come here, chick, chick, and get your break-fast.

LESSON IN TWO LETTERS.

ab	ba	ca	da	na	me	ga
eb	be	ce	de	ne	mi	ge
ib	bi	ci	di	ni	mo	gi
ob	bo	co	do	no	mu	go
ub	bu	cu	du	nu	my	gu
ad	by	cy	dy	ny	am	gy

Girls. Books.
Bench. Bird.
Vine. Doll.
House. Trees.

Susan Kindly was a christian.

She loved to help the poor.

She bought the orphan a book,

And taught her to read,

That she might love the Bible.

Poor little orphan, I will teach you to read!

LESSON IN TWO LETTERS.

ma	me	mi	mo	mu	wa	em
na	ne	ni	no	nu	we	im
pa	pe	pi	po	pu	wi	om
ra	re	ri	ro	ru	wo	av
sa	se	si	so	su	wu	ev
ta	te	ti	to	tu	uv	iv

Gate. Bars.
Step. Flow-ers.
Trees. Leaves.

Ellen and Lucy love to play.

But far from home they will not stray.

See them at the gate.

They run af-ter the lit-tle birds.

But will not hurt them.

Quick, quick, Lucy! there it goes! there!

LESSON IN THREE LETTERS.

bla	pla	sla	cla	bra	pra	gra
ble	ple	sle	cle	bre	pre	gre
bli	pli	sli	cli	bri	pri	gri
blo	plo	slo	clo	bro	pro	gro
blu	plu	slu	clu	bru	pru	gru
fra	fre	fri	fro	fru	tra	spa

Boy. Girls. Dog. Book. Pic-ture. Cross Girl.

John wants to teach his dog to read.

Laura holds the book.

They were all hap-py at play,
Till a cross girl came
When they all ran a-way.

Cross Mag came in and broke up their play.

LESSON IN THREE LETTERS.

bat	big	bog	can	hie	jug	nap
cat	dig	dog	fan	lie	mug	pap
fat	fig	fog	pan	pie	pug	rap
hat	pig	hog	ran	tie	rug	sap
rat	rig	log	tan	vie	tug	tap
pat	tig	sog	san	sie	lug	cap

Fan. Basket. Rocks. Boy. Girl. Hat. Child.

Here is a proud girl.

See her proud airs.

Pride will fall one day.

Be not proud, but kind to all,

So you may nev-er have its fall.

The Bible says, Pride goes be-fore a fall.

LESSON IN FOUR LETTERS.

bell	bend	bide	bind	boat	pore
dell	lend	hide	find	coat	core
sell	mend	ride	hind	doat	sore
tell	send	side	mind	goat	lore
bust	cane	cape	cold	crow	bore
dust	lane	gape	fold	grow	tore

Sofa. Draw-ers. Cask-et. Cat.

Here is a love-ly young miss.

All that know her praise her.

Why do they praise her?

I will tell you.

She is meek and sweet in all her ways.

She is gen-tle and kind in all she says.

The Bi-ble tells me I must hon-or my pa-rents.

LESSON IN FOUR LETTERS.

back	band	bank	bard	beat	cull
jack	hand	hank	hard	feat	dull
pack	land	rank	card	meat	hull
sack	sand	tank	yard	seat	lull
born	both	bows	bray	buck	gull
corn	doth	cows	dray	duck	mull

This boy loves his book.

He will be wise and rich, in all the good things of this world.

He ris-es with the lark, at the dawn of day,

Studies well his lesson, then off he goes to play

The good boy that be-came a wise man.

LESSON IN TWO SYLLABLES.

Art-ful	Ba-by	Ca-ble	Di-et	Ea-ger
ar-tist	ba-ker	can-cel	dol-lar	ea-gle
art-less	bar-ley	ca-pon	di-al	ear-ly
ash-es	bar-ter	car-go	dro-ver	ed-dy
at-las	bar-rel	car-pet	dul-cet	el-bow
at-tic	bat-tle	car-rot	dai-ly	el-der
au-thor	bet-ter	car-ter	du-ty	en-vy
aw-ful	bit-ter	cat-tle	dea-ler	er-ror
ax-is	but-ter	ce-dar	dit-to	ex-ile

Ann a-rose in the morn-ing,
She knelt down and pray-ed to the great God,
That He would bless her pa-rents dear,
Al-so her friends both far and near,
And as her guide al-ways ap-pear.

In the morning, O Lord, I will pray to Thee!

LESSON IN TWO SYLLABLES.

Faith-ful	Gar-ment	Hail-stone	Ice-house
faint-ness	glean-ing	ham-mer	im-pulse
false-hood	glim-mer	hand-ful	in-cense
far-thing	grace-ful	hard-ship	in-sight
fawn-ing	gram-mar	hope-ful	in-voice
fea-tures	grate-ful	hot-house	in-ward
fear-less	grap-ple	heed-less	in-step
fool-ish	great-ness	hum-ble	ink-stand
fore-head	gran-deur	hun-ger	im-post

This boy has cut his hand sadly.

He would have his own way.

His aunt told him he must not take the car-ving knife.

But he took the knife to make his boat,

And so he cut his hand.

DIS-O-BE-DI-ENCE PUN-ISH-ED.

LESSON IN THREE SYLLABLES.

Ab-so-lute	Bar-on-et	Car-di-nal	Daf-fo-dil
ac-ci-dent	bar-ris-ter	cen-tu-ry	dec-o-rate
ac-tu-al	bat-te-ry	cir-cu-lar	de-cent-ly
ad-mi-ral	ben-e-fit	clas-si-cal	du-te-ous
ad-vo-cate	bot-a-nist	cot-ta-ger	dil-i-gent
al-ti-tude	but-ter-fly	cov-er-ing	dig-ni-ty
am-nes-ty	bril-li-ant	cor-po-ral	dow-a-ger
an-ti-dote	ben-e-fice	cul-ti-vate	dra-pe-ry
ap-pe-tite	bri-be-ry	cus-to-dy	dis-si-pate

Do look, and see this wick-ed girl!

She is stealing fruit from a poor old wo-man.

She will sure-ly come to shame.

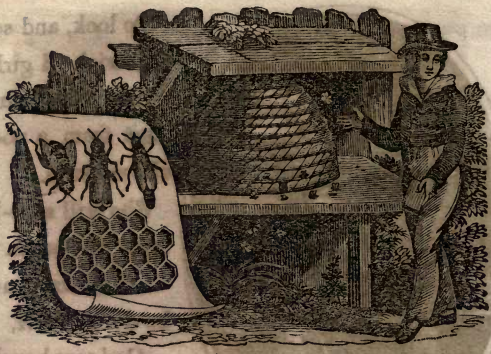
She thinks no-bo-dy sees her,

God sees her do it, for he knows all things.

THE EYES OF GOD ARE ON ALL OUR WAYS.

LESSON IN FOUR SYLLABLES.

Ac-cu-ra-cy	Beau-ti-ful-ly	Ded-i-ca-ted
ad-mi-ra-ble	boun-ti-ful-ly	des-pi-ca-ble
ag-gra-va-ted	bril-li-an-cy	dif-fer-ent-ly
ad-mi-ral-ty	Char-i-ta-ble	dil-i-gent-ly
an-i-ma-ted	cir-cu-la-ted	El-e-gant-ly
an-ti-qua-ted	com-fort-a-ble	em-i-nent-ly
ar-ro-gan-cy	cul-ti-va-tor	ex-cel-len-cy
ad-ver-sa-ry	cu-ri-ous-ly	el-o-quent-ly
am-i-ca-ble	cor-po-ral-ly	es-ti-ma-ble



Boy. Hive. Hon-ey comb. Queen Bee. Drone Bee. Honey Bee.

LESSON IN SPELLING AND READING.

A	cow	has	horns	A cow has horns.
A	ship	has	sails	A ship has sails.
A	boy	ran	home	A boy ran home.
A	bird	doth	sing	A bird doth sing.
A	dog	can	bark	A dog can bark.

Man	must	die	Man must die.
Do	no	harm	Do no harm.
Love	your	book	Love your book.
Sing	my	hymn	Sing my hymn.
Go	to	church	Go to church.
And	sit	still	And sit still.

Dra-gon fly. Cat-er-pil-lar. Bee-tles. Spi-der.
But-ter-flies. Grass-hop-per. Hive.
Swarm of Bees.

LESSON IN SPELLING AND READING.

shun	all	bad	boys	shun all bad boys.
bad	boys	do	harm	bad boys do harm.
mind	what	is	said	mind what is said.
the	tide	runs	out	the tide runs out.
put	up	my	box	put up my box.
get	me	his	hat	get me his hat.

we	saw	him	run	we saw him run.
put	up	her	pen	put up her pen.
bid	us	good	night	bid us good night.
go	now	to	bed	go now to bed.
and	sleep	till	morn	and sleep till morn.

Mother, mother, give me little Rosa!

George was a kind hearted boy.
He loved his little sister Rosa.
He left his play to tend her.
It pleased him to make her happy.
He took her in the garden,
And gave her pretty flowers.
Who would not love George?

The fox.
The fox has a long tail.
He will eat a bird.
He will go in the yard and kill a goose, and run off with it.

Cow and Calf.

Hen and Chick-ens.

Goose and Gos-lings.

Goat and Kid.

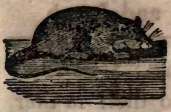
Cat and Kit-tens.

Sheep and Lamb.

A good child will love its pa-rents. God commands chil-dren to be du-ti-ful to their fa-ther and mo-ther, and to o-bey them in all things.

Grand-ma! Grand-ma! I've good news to tell.

Charles was a good boy.
He lived in the country.
In a pretty white house.
He heard his uncle coming.
He ran to tell his Grand-ma.
For he loved her very much.
She taught him to fear God.
Which is the best of wisdom.



Here is a rat. Go call the cat.
Puss, puss, come here, and look,
For it is he that eat my book.

Snipe.

Wood-cock.

Crane.

Fla-min-go.

Lark.

Quail.

Plo-ver.

Pe-trel.

O, mamma, mamma, give me dolly!

The mother has returned home. She opens the basket, and what do you think she has in it? Why, a doll, a neat little doll! It was for Anna, who had been sleeping with puss on the grass.

The goldfinch sits on a tree.
It sings in the morning,
And makes the wood's ring.
It is wicked to rob their nest.
God made them to sing and be happy.

EMMA TEACHING HER LITTLE DOG TRUSTY.

Be qui-et, good Trus-ty,
See how still you can be,
For I've come to teach you
Your A B C.

Tom says you can't learn,
But fa-ther says, he
Saw a lit-tle dog once
That knew A B C.

The lit-tle bu-sy bee
Doth sing and work all day,
And teach-es you and me,
To work as well as play.

LITTLE CHARLEY LOOKING FOR HIS KITTEN.

'Where is my lit-tle Kit-ty gone?'
Said Char-ley boy one day,
'I guess some lit-tle boy or girl
Has ta-ken her a-way.

'Oh mo-ther! mo-ther! come and look;
See what a lit-tle heap!
My Kit-ty's in the draw-er here,
All cud-dled down to sleep.'

A boy said to a lamb,
'Pray how's your ma-ma?'
But the lit-tle sheep ans-wer-ed
Him no-thing but 'ba-a?

LUCY SHOWING HER CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

I have a little doll,
I take care of her clothes,
She has soft flaxen hair;
And her name is Rose.

She has pretty blue eyes,
And a very small nose,
And a cunning little mouth;
And her name is Rose.

I have a little bed-stead
Where my dolly may repose,
Or sit up like a lady;
And her name is Rose.

RIDING ON THE ELEPHANT'S BACK.

The cow has a horn, and the fish has a gill;
The horse has a hoof, and the duck has a bill;
The bird has a wing, that on high he may sail;
The li-on has a mane, and the mon-key a tail.
They swim or they fly, they walk or they eat,
With fin, or with wing, or with bill, or with feet;
And John has two hands, with five fingers on each,
On pur-pose to work with, to hold or to reach;
No bird, beast or fish-es, for work or for play,
Have any thing half so con-ve-ni-ent as they.

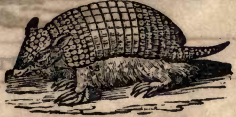
O-pos-sum.

Jer-bo-a.

Sloth.

Ant-eat-er.

Hedge-hog



Ar-ma-dil-lo.

Al-li-ga-tor.

Por-cu-pine.

THE WALK AFTER A SNOW STORM.

ANN.

"Mother, how can the flowers grow?"
Said little Ann one day;
"The fields are covered o'er with snow,
When will it go away?"

MOTHER.

"A few month's hence my Ann will view,
In the garden, now so white,
The yellow cowslip,—violet blue,
And daffodil so bright."

JANE FEEDING THE POOR ROBIN.

One winter's day, the wind blew high,
And fast came down the snow;
A Robin much too weak to fly,
Hopp'd in the yard below.

Jane threw him crumbs, and from that day,
Her welcome guest he 's been;
And often, when the children play,
Sweet little Bob is seen.

GOING OUT TO THE FIELDS.

Come, my chil-dren, come a-way!
For the sun shines bright to day;
Lit-tle chil-dren, come with me,
Birds and brooks and po-sies see;
Quick-ly, quick-ly, come a-way!
For it is a plea-sant day.

Ev-e-ry thing is laugh-ing, sing-ing,
All the pret-ty flow-ers are spring-ing;
See the kit-ten full of fun
Sport-ing in the pleas-ant sun.
Chil-dren too may sport and play,
For it is a pleas-ant day.

GO TO SLEEP, MY DARLING BABY!

Hush! my dear, lie still and slum-ber!
Ho-ly an-gels guard thy bed!
Heav-en-ly bless-ings with-out num-ber
Gent-ly fall-ing on thy head.

Soft and ea-sy is thy cra-dle;
Coarse and hard thy Sa-viour lay!
When his birth-place was a sta-ble,
And his soft-est bed was hay.

The dove is a gentle bird, and never quarrels with its mate.

Children should learn from this pretty bird to be kind and gentle to all.

EASY LESSONS IN ONE SYLLABLE.

The Wolf.

Come here, Frank, and tell me what beast this is. It is a wolf. Some wolves are black; but far to the north they are brown and gray. They have sharp teeth, and are strong and fierce, and have been known to kill and eat men.

Wolves live in the woods, and in dens, and live on flesh.

The Swan.

We next come to the swan; which is a large fowl of the goose kind. It has a long neck, short legs, and is as white as snow. Its food is the same as that of the goose. Their eggs are white and large; and they hatch them in two months. The young swans are gray.

The Frog.

Look here, Charles, see this frog! What do you think of him? his skin is white, brown and green. Some folks eat its flesh, and call it good food. They do no harm. They make a loud noise in the night, and are known as bull frogs.

CHARLES AT PLAY IN THE GARDEN.

Come here, Charles, and I will hear your task. Put by your play now, for it is too hot. It is now noon.

Where does the sun rise? In the east. Where does it set? In the west. Far to the north it is cold; but to the south it is warm.

The wind blows. Which way does it blow? It blows from the south. The south wind is warm The north wind is cold; the east wind will bring a storm of rain.

MARY VIEWING THE SETTING SUN.

Come here Mary, and look at the sun. It is in the west. In a short time it will set. We can look at the sun now, for it is not so bright as it was at noon.

See how fine the clouds are! The sun goes down quite fast. Now we can see but half of it. The hills hide it from our view.

The moon shines to give us light in the night, when the sun is out of sight.

O how good God is to give us these things.

INSECTS.

But-ter-fly.

Bee-tle.

Flea.

Spi-der.

Dra-gon Fly.

Wasp.

Honey Bee.

Fly.

IDLE TOM.

Here goes Tom Truant down to the pond to play with the ducks, instead of going to school as he told his poor mother he would. But Tom has got to be a sad boy. He has kept the company of bad boys so long that he don't mind telling lies now. See how ragged and dirty he looks, and it is all because he don't love to go to school, and be a good boy. Tom will surely come to a bad end. Ignorance and vice always go hand in hand. If Tom does not die in a prison, or in the poor-house, it will be a wonder.

LUCY CHEERFUL SPINNING

Lucy and her little brother John were orphans, but they had a kind grand-mother, who took care of them when they were very little children. She early taught them to read, and to love good books ; for she used to say, good books were children's best friends, while bad books were their greatest enemies. Always when Sunday came Lucy and John were seen going to Sabbath school, dressed clean and nice, so that the neighbours would say, as they looked after them, there goes tidy Lucy and her little brother John.

LITTLE HARRY AND FARMER JOHN.

Farmer John! farmer John! cried little Henry Learn-well, will you let me ride on the bags of grain to the mill.

Why, yes, I will, little Harry, as you are said to be such a wise lad. But first tell me how many barley-corns make an inch?

Harry instantly replied, Three; and Twelve inches make a foot; three feet make a yard; five yards and a half make a rod, perch or pole; forty rods make a furlong; eight furlongs make a mile; and three miles a league.

FISHES.

Shad.

Sal-mon.

Mack-er-el.

Weak-fish.

Black-fish.

Cod.

Dol-phin.

Flat-fish.

THE PASSIONATE GIRL.

This little girl is the very picture of ill-nature. Her fond mother has spoiled her by indulgence. See what a fit of passion she is in, because she cannot do what she pleases with her little cousin's doll. Now little Emma had come full forty miles to visit her, and had brought with her all her pretty play things, to amuse them while she staid in the country. But she was glad to return home again, to get rid of her bad-behaved cousin; and she told her mamma she never wanted to go any more to visit such a cross girl as she was.

Swan swim-ming.

The tame Tur-key.

Sow and Pigs.

Pret-ty Gold-finch.

Ben-gal Ti-ger.

The Stag has horns.

The Lord made the world: the sun to give light by day; and the moon and stars by night. The eye of God is on us all the day long.

GOING ON A VISIT.

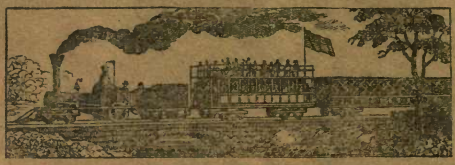
Ed-ward and Ma-ry were good chil-dren, they had been o-be-di-ent to their kind pa-rents, and were per-mit-ted to vis-it their cous-ins, who liv-ed a-bout two miles a-cross the fields. See, they have pas-sed through the gate, and in a lit-tle while will cross the bridge. How hap-py they are. Good chil-dren are al-ways hap-py, while ill-tem-per-ed and dis-o-be-di-ent chil-dren are sure to be in trou-ble. Ed-ward and Ma-ry re-turn-ed home in the eve-ning much pleas-ed with their day's vis-it.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive our sins, as we for give our enemies. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep:
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.



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